

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patricia Preikschat et al.  
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AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT  
Examiner: R. Koehler  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following items are being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2000.

1. Request for Extension of Time with the \$445.00 fee;
2. Amendment in response to the Office action mailed August 7, 2000;
3. One clean copy of a Substitute Specification;
4. One marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification;
5. Corrected copies of drawing figures 5-36;
6. Petition Under 37 CFR 1.84 to allow color photographs in the application, with \$130.00 petition fee;
7. Color photographs for Figures 1-4; three copies of each are provided, all permanently mounted on bristol board. In addition, a black and white photocopy of each color photograph is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this document and enclosures will be hand-delivered to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 1, 2001.

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Please enter these documents in the record of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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